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## DIVISION OF FREEMAN'S LOSSES CAUSED ROSENTHAL AND ROSE TO QUARREL, SAYS BECKER STATEMENT

Condemned Police man Makes Final Appeal to Governor, Giving Detailed "Story" of Incidents Leading Up to Murder of Rosenthal.

Says "Big Tim" Sullivan Had Interest in Rosenthal Place—Freeman Lost \$6,000 in One Night and Gamblers Had Row on Division, He Says.

New York, July 21.—In a final appeal to Governor Whitman, Former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker last night made public his "story" of the incidents leading to the murder of Herman Rosenthal, a gambler, in connection with whose death Becker has been sentenced to die. Becker asked the governor to interfere "in the light of certain facts that are now disclosed for the first time."

Becker's own statement is supplemented by a statement prepared by W. Bourke Cockran, his chief counsel. The former policeman's own statement is in his handwriting and covers sixty pages of folio paper.

"Big Tim" Sullivan is implicated by Becker, who alleges that he had an interest in the gambling house conducted by Rosenthal, and later raided by Becker's squad. Becker said, in his statement, that he had refused to mention Sullivan's name because of a promise he had made "Big Tim" to "keep him out of it."

Rose As "Stool Pigeon."

"Bald Jack" Rose, who is now living in Westport, Conn., plays an important part in Becker's narrative. Rose is cited as a "stool pigeon" who is charged with having furnished Becker with evidence prior to many gambling house raids. This was during the time that Rose was a partner in Rosenthal's gambling enterprise, Becker charges.

Rose, according to Becker's story, furnished information leading to a raid on John Freeman's gambling house at 106 West 38th Street. Freeman is well known as the Bridgeport boy, and owner of the baseball franchise here for several years.

"Freeman's place was protected by two steel outside doors," says Becker's narrative, "and by another leading into the room. This necessitated quite some destruction of the front of the house to get in. In this effort a sledge broke from its handle and flew through the front window and broke a mirror and a piece of statuary in the parlor."

"Then a story was circulated that my men had wantonly destroyed a beautiful painting, and that Freeman intended to have me arrested for willful destruction of his property and on the ground that I had exceeded my authority under the warrant."

Becker says he understood Police Inspector McCue this morning to understand that "Big Tim" Sullivan was interested in Rosenthal's enterprises.

"About the first of March," the statement continues, "Rose told me they had opened their house, and had a good night's play; that John Freeman lost about \$6,000, but that Rosenthal had used half of it to pay off some debts he had contracted while he was closed. Rose said Rosenthal had then brought in two gamblers, friends, to whom he ostensibly lost the balance, but had in reality paid each of his friends \$100 each for their part as dumplings, and kept the \$2,000. Rose seemed very angry over Rosenthal's trick."

Shortly afterwards, Becker says, he received explicit orders to raid Rosenthal's place. He continues: "It was just at this juncture Rose showed his antipathy toward Rosenthal, owing to the \$6,000 transaction. I having the order to raid Rosenthal, sent for Rose and asked him if he would like to get even with Rosenthal. Rose asked me if I had an order to raid Rosenthal. I told him I had. Rose became very angry and said he now knew that Rosenthal had not only cheated him, but had also lied to him about the alleged protection he had from 'Big Tim'."

"Rose said the house still owed him about \$300 or \$400, and asked me to wait a few days until he got the balance of his loan of \$1,500 out. I told

## Chief Points Made By Charles Becker In His Appeal to Whitman for Life

In his appeal to Governor Whitman to forbid his execution ex-Police Lieutenant Charles Becker asserts:

That "Big Tim" Sullivan's secretary appealed to him to keep that politician's name out of the Rosenthal trial, saying that "Big Tim" was nearly insane as a consequence of the murder.

That he agreed to do this only after the secretary had visited the informers in the Tombs and obtained their promise not to involve "Big Tim."

That Police Inspector George McCluskey, now dead, never spoke to him after he had raided a gambling house in which McCluskey was reported to have a 25 per cent. interest.

That the public thought he "had something on Gaynor" because the Mayor had stood by him; and that the newspapers "pounded" him because he wouldn't tell something about Gaynor that he didn't know.

That Waldo's refusal to suspend him after Rosenthal's murder was instrumental in the same way in influencing public opinion against him, because he had nothing to tell about Waldo.

That his guilt of Rosenthal's murder has never been clearly established; and that although he pleads for life he would rather die a felon's death than live a felon's life in prison.

## PURITY CONGRESS HEARS TEMPERANCE ARGUMENTS

Chicago, July 21.—Temperance is one of the subjects to be considered at today's session of the 8th International Purity Congress. Among the speakers on the program were Miss Edith M. Willis, of Boston, whose subject was "Alcohol and the Child's Birthright"; Miss Kate Davis, of Cleveland, O., "The Necessity for Federal Censorship of Motion Pictures"; the Rev. Sidney L. Gillick, of New York, "The Challenge of Asia to the Churches of America," and Dr. Yatsujiro Uryhea, of Tokio, "Social and Moral Conditions in Japan."

"ROOSEVELT DAY" BRINGS COLONEL TO EXPOSITION TO MAKE TWO SPEECHES.

San Francisco, July 21.—This is "Roosevelt Day" at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Theodore Roosevelt, former President of the United States, is on the program to make two addresses, participate in a tree-planting ceremony and be the guest of honor at a reception.

Mr. Roosevelt's first address of the day is for the members of the army and navy. His second address was to be on "War and Peace," which he said, on arriving here, last night, might just as well be called "Damn the Molluscoides."

Tonight, Mr. Roosevelt is expected to witness the second storming of San Juan Hill, depicted in fireworks.

Up to Monday morning \$120,000,000 had been subscribed to the Italian war loan.

John B. Johnston, of Cockran & Manton's office, took the supplemental statement to Sing Sing last night, and Becker went over it and signed it. It contains the appeal to the Governor to interfere with the carrying out of the death sentence, and to take up certain parts of the first statement.

Mr. Cockran also sent to the Governor a copy of his application to Justice Hughes for a writ of error.

The occasion of making the story public, Becker says, was the publication of what purported to be a statement of his, which was disclosed through other means, to whom he was said to have told the story. He it not been for that, Becker asserts, the story which he had prepared would not have been made public until after his death.

Counsel for Becker awaited today the result of Becker's appeal. Becker's plea sent to the governor at Albany last night included a long statement of his version of the facts leading up to the murder.

W. Bourke Cockran, one of Becker's attorneys who prepared a portion of the statement sent to the governor said it had been decided to delay action so as not to avoid a delay in first appealing to a supreme court justice for a new trial.

"Becker is ready to die. He does not lack favors of anyone but he wants to prove his innocence," Mr. Cockran said.

Martin T. Manton, another of Becker's counsel, has announced that proceedings will be started in a day or two in a proclamation for a new trial for Becker on the grounds of newly discovered evidence.

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There are now 4,451 Indians in New York state, compared with 5,000 in 1905.  
Tomorrow will be celebrated as "Princeton Day" at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.  
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